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reports on the following subjects:

- a. Highways and Roads in the Vicinity of Batumi.
- b. Factories and Other Installations in Batumi and Vicinity.
- c. Prices of Various Foods and Consumer Goods in Batumi.

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the following information, concerning  
roads and highways in the vicinity of Batumi.

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1. Batumi - Çakva [probably Chakvi] road: 19 km long, asphalt, 7 meters wide, passes through mountainous terrain. On entering Çakva the road passes over an asphalt surface wooden bridge. This bridge is four meters wide and has a capacity of 5 tons.
2. Çakva [Chakvi] - Kobuleti road: 9 km long, asphalt, 7 meters wide. On entering Kobuleti the road passes over a concrete surface 10-ton capacity iron bridge.
3. Kobuleti-Maharaciye [probably Makharadze] road: 25 km long, asphalt, 9 meters wide.
4. Maharaciya [Makharadze] - Samtredia road: 58 km long, asphalt, 7 meters wide. Eight kilometers from Samtredia there is an iron bridge 150 meters long and 5-6 meters wide over the Rion Stream. There are guards stationed at both ends of this bridge, and those wishing to cross the bridge must show identity documents. Heavy tanks can cross this bridge.
5. Langhot [probably Lanchkhuti] - Kobuleti road: 42 km long, asphalt, 9 meters wide. Four kilometers from Kobuleti is a wooden bridge 6-7 meters long, 4 meters wide, and with an estimated capacity of 5 tons; this is called the Goruh Bridge. Eight kilometers beyond the Goruh Bridge is the Natamelo Bridge, an iron bridge 16 meters long, 4 meters wide, and with an estimated capacity of 10-12 tons. Finally, 1 km from Subta, there is an iron bridge 50 meters long and 5 meters wide; tanks can cross this bridge.

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6. Subza-Poti road: 35 km long, stabilized road, 7 meters wide. Four kilometers from Poti there is an iron bridge 100 meters long and 5 meters wide. All types of armored vehicles can cross this bridge. There are soldier guards at both ends of the bridge, however there is no document control. Within the city of Poti there is an iron bridge 100 meters long and 8 meters wide.

7. Poti-Shakaya [probably Tskhakaya] road: 35 km long, broken asphalt in very poor condition; vehicles can only make 10-15 km per hour speed. There is an iron railroad and highway bridge 250-300 meters long and 7 meters wide at a point 18 km from Poti.

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SUBJECT Factories in Batumi and Vicinity;  
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A. the following factories and plants in Batumi and vicinity:

1. Tea plants -- one on Savniyan Avenue in Batumi, four in Çakve [probably Chakvi], one in Salibahur, three in Kobuleti, and four in Langhot [probably Lanchkhuti].
2. A shoe factory, a leather and hides factory, and a plant manufacturing automobile engines on Molotov Aneune in Batumi.
3. A textile factory on Ordzhonikidze Avenue and one on Shakaya Avenue.
4. A furniture factory on Maykovskiy Avenue and one on Balinitşa Avenue.
5. A pharmaceutical plant and a nail factory in Barchane.
6. A bakery at the corner of Shavniyan and Molotov Avenues.
7. A jam and marmelade factory on Pushkin Avenue, a plywood factory on Primorskaya Avenue, and a gozoz (soft drink) factory on Gazbek Avenue.
8. The electric power central is on Balinitşa Avenue; the power reputedly comes from a plant in Maçahel.
9. A petroleum refinery south of the railroad station.

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B. the following other miscellaneous buildings in Batumi and vicinity:

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1. An MVD building and an official Police (Militia) office on Primorskaya Avenue.
2. A park and beach at the end of Lenin Avenue where the street meets the sea. There are officers pavillions, a stadium, and a movie house near the beach.
3. The Government Office Building and the Municipality building are on Lenin Avenue.
4. There are three theaters in Batumi, one of them a puppet theater for children.
5. There are the following movie houses in the city: Internatsional, Oktyabr, Odarnik, Komsomolets, Klutmarikov, MVD, Dom Ofitsera, Khronika, and one movie house each belonging to the railroad and automobile workers unions.
6. There is a ten-grade lycee in Batumi, and several middle schools.
7. In Beneze there is a surgery clinic, a movie house, middle school No. 18, and a Home Culture (handicraft) school.

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the following miscellaneous food and consumer goods prices and rent and salary figures in Batumi;

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1. Miscellaneous food prices:

Bread -- 1000 grams: 1st quality 3 rubles, 2nd quality 1.45 r.

Mutton -- 1 kilo: frozen 16 rubles, fresh 30 r.

**Fat:** unmelted 25 rubles, melted 32 r.

**Sugar: powdered 9 rubles, cubes 11.70 r.**

**Kerosene: 60 kopecks.**

Salt: rough salt 30, fine salt 70 kopecks.

Beans: Cheapest quality 5 rubles, better quality 10 rubles.

**Potatoes: 2.70 r.**

Rice: 7.20 r.

Onions: 2.30 r.

**2. Clothing:**

**Man's suit: best quality -- 1500 rubles**

Shoes: black patent leather 350-500 rubles; others 100-300 rubles.

**Socks:** good quality cotton -- 7 rubles; silk -- 16 rubles.

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Shirt: linen -- 60-70 rubles; poplin -- 100-150 r.; silk -- 150-200 r.

3. Rent for one room: In houses belonging to the State a single room rents for 10-40 rubles a month; the tenant must pay extra for furniture in the room. In houses belonging to private individuals a single room rents for 100-200 rubles a month.

4. Miscellaneous salaries (per month):

Driver/chauffeur -- 400 r.

Lieutenant -- 250 r.

Doctor -- 300-600 r.

Nurse -- 300-400 r.

Teacher -- 400-800 r.

Worker in a bakery -- 600 r.

Private soldier -- 30 r.

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